

Department of State
9th March 1839

Genl. Taylor,

Sir,

Upon an examination of the Correspondence between this Government and its Agents in New Orleans, in the Months of April & May 1836, I find that Mr. Bryan in his letter of Apr. 30th states that they have not a dollar of public money, but that they send an Invoice of sundries, two six pound Cannon, one brass Cannon and fifty Volunteers by the Brig Good Hope - He also states that he has positive information that three Mexican armed Vessels are about leaving Matamoros for Galveston.

In his letter of May 1st he speaks of the immediate sailing of the Brig Good Hope with provisions & Volunteers for the Army, but complains greatly of the want of money.

On the 9th of May he writes that there are over 200 Volunteers waiting a passage which cannot be forwarded without a Convey, as the Parragon (a Mexican) 12 Gun brig was seen off the mouth of the river - he also says that he is largely in advance to the Government & cannot sustain its credit for the want of funds -

I have not examined the Correspondence